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NON-PLAN EXPENDITURE OF GOVERNMENT
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken for curtailing non-plan expenditure by the Government;

(b) the Ministries which have followed the said orders of the Government; and

(c) the amount likely to be saved by each Ministry/Department by the said decision of the Government ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) It is Government`s constant endeavour to contain non-plan, non-developmental expenditure. It is in this context that, along with other measures, instructions for austerity in Government expenditure have been issued from time to time. The austerity measures include ban on the creation of posts, reduction in the number of sanctioned posts, restrictions on the filling up of vacant posts, reduction in office expenses, restrictions on purchase of vehicles, restrictions on foreign travel and on entertainment/hospitality expenses etc.

(b) & (c) All the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India are required to follow these economy instructions and effect savings. As the information is not maintained centrally, it is not possible to quantify saving on account of issuance of economy instructions.